

# REASONS

Humbly Offer'd to the Right Honourable

the PEERS of GREAT BRITAIN,

In PARLIAMENT Assembled,

AGAINST THE

*BILL to prevent the Growth of Schism, &c.*

IT will in a great measure frustrate the Act of Toleration.

II. The Act of Toleration allowing Preachers to Congregations Dissenting Protestants, must imply an Allowance for Preparatory Learning, agreeably to their own Perswasion.

III. It will be practising the contrary at Home, to what Her Majesty with so much Zeal hath been endeavouring for the persecuted Protestants Abroad.

IV. It will immediately ruin a Multitude of Families; and, if it may be extended in the Execution, it is hard to know how it may prove a Detriment to many Trades and Employments.

V. It will deprive Parents of the Liberty of educating their Children according to their own Sentiments and Conscience, which is Right founded in Nature, and so far claim'd by every Man, that there are none but must think it one of the greatest Hardships to be depriv'd of it.

VI. Such a Method taken by Protestants with their Brethren of the same Religion, will lead the Way to, and be a stronger plea for Papists in the like Practice upon Protestants, where-ever they have Power.

VII. It may be of dreadful consequence to have it left in the power of a single Justice of the Peace, to interpret this Law, and to have no farther way of Relief, than by Appeal to the Quarter-sessions, and at the same time to be liable for the same Offence to a vexatious Prosecution in the Ecclesiastical Courts.

VIII. It has a Tendency farther to divide and alienate Protestants one from another, which will be a means to weaken the Protestant Interest, and strengthen the Common Enemy.

IX. It does not appear how this Bill is consistent with what has been declar'd to be the Doctrine of the Church of *England*.

Protestant Dissenters

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